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REMARKS

Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112 issue.

Claims 13-16 have been amended to incorporate the structure of formula I of claim 1 prior to this amendment. Claim 22 corresponds to dependent claim 2 prior to the present amendment. The Examiner indicates that claims 2 (now 22) and 13-21 are allowable over the prior art.

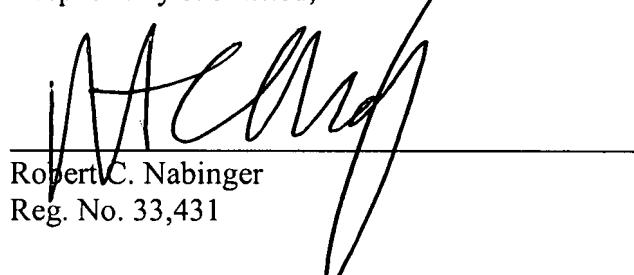
Claim 1 has been amended to delete y is C1-4 alkyl. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Foster et al., CA113:131729 ("Foster"). A copy of the United States patent version of Foster (U.S. Pat. 4,901,710) is enclosed. The deletion of y in C1-4 alkyl removes any potential overlap between claim 1 and Foster because Foster does not disclose or suggest a compound of formula I in which y is C1 to 4 alkoxy, halogen, CN, C≡CH, NO₂, CH₂OH, CHO, COCH₃, NH₂, NHCHO, NHCOCH₃, or NHSO₂CH₃.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a \$800.00 check for excess claim fees and a \$120.00 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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